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BRUTAL MURDER OF SUNOL MAN

William Wickman Is Ailed on a Charge of Slaying John Springer, Saturday

FATHER ACCUSED MAN SAYS SON IS CRAZY

Suspected Man Was Arrested in Sacramento Sunday Night and Turned Over to Alameda County Sheriff.

Following the finding of the horribly mutilated body of John Springer, at his home in Sunol early Sunday morning the police in Sacramento arrested a man named William Wickman on circumstantial evidence and turned him over to the sheriff of this county.

Frank Barnett, sheriff, says he is confident that Wickman is the murderer of the aged farmer and adds that he has evidence enough to convict whether he confesses or not.

The sheriff's office has in its possession bloodstained clothing which it is said Wickman disposed of in a saloon on the Oakland waterfront before going to Sannananananananan before he went to Sacramento.

Wickman was brought before Justice of the Peace P. C. Quinn at Pleasanton last week for arraignment.

When he was brought before his father and urged to confess he became enraged, it is said, and seized an axe with which he attempted to attack Deputy District Attorney Myron Harris. He was overpowered by Deputy Sheriff Collier and taken back to the county jail.

Broken-hearted the aged father declared his belief that his son is insane. "He has not been right mental for years," said Wickham, Sr., and the rest of the family seemed to coincide with that statement.

"I will spend everything that I have to defend him," said the father. "It is not much, but I believe that the boy is right and that he should not suffer any penalty."

"We have a complete case of circumstantial evidence against the prisoner said Deputy District Attorney Myron Harris. "Without a confession from him we have evidence enough to hang him."

The blue flannel shirt worn by Wickham Saturday afternoon and left in a saloon in Oakland after he had purchased an exchange of clothing has been recovered by the sheriff. It shows evidence of having been washed recently, but a white button in the sleeve shows unmistakable smears of blood, overlooked when the shirt was hastily washed.

STARTED "ROUGH HOUSE" GOT CRACK IN HEAD

Youths From San Jose Start To Make Trouble and Run Against Law.

Friday night a party of Italian young men, who are employed picking cherries on various orchards near Niles, came into town. They got as far as the lunchroom and bakery of H. G. Stratton where a couple of their number started to make trouble.

In the mixup a pie was thrown at Stratton and then a free-for-all fight ensued, which ended in Deputy Constable Ed Rose and Night Watchman Ed Drennan placing two of the gang under arrest.

In the mixup Drennan was forced to use his club to defend himself and he inflicted a scap wound on the head of one of the men. The wound was later dressed in the township jail by Dr. C. L. McKown.

This morning one of the prisoners was released under \$100 cash bail, deposited by his brother. He will be tried Monday morning. The other man is still in jail.

In addition to the charge of disturbing the peace, made by H. G. Stratton, it is understood that Night Watchman Ed Drennan will prefer an additional charge of resisting an officer against the men.

The second monthly social dance given under the auspices of Sykes' orchestra will be held in Connors' hall, Niles, tonight.

NIGHTWATCHMAN'S BALL TO BE ELABORATE

Committee Plan to Take Entertainers About Township in Autos.

That the ball to be given in Essanay studio on the night of June 12, for the benefit of the Niles Nightwatchman's Fund a success, is now an assured fact.

The committee in charge, George Rose and Dan Greenwood, have been working industriously and have at last completed arrangements.

One of the features of the evening is to be the orchestra and entertainers ten in number, one of them a woman. These entertainers and musicians will furnish the music for the dance, and in addition during the intermissions, between every second dance will delight the audience with songs and dances.

The orchestra will arrive in Niles early in the afternoon and will be taken in automobiles to various parts of the township, where a free concert will be given as a drawing card. At Mission San Jose the party will stop at 3 o'clock in front of Darrows; at 3:30 they will stop at the corner of Hirsch's in Irvington; Hotel Gregory, Centerville, will be the next stop. At 4:30 the party will entertain the residents of Newark in front of Louis Rusch's; the Alvarado Hotel, Alvarado will be visited at 5 o'clock, and the last stop will be made in front of Goulart's place at Decoto at 5:30.

"We want it understood," said Mr. Greenwood, "that this is not to be a two hour entertainment followed by a dance, but a dance with special features introduced during intermissions. These colored entertainers have a reputation to sustain, and they have assured us that they will make good here."

MRS. J. A. EASTERDAY ENTERTAINS FRIENDS

"Moss Beach Reunion" Prove Occasion of an Enjoyable Meeting.

Wednesday afternoon of this week Mrs. J. A. Easterday of Niles entertained a number of ladies at her home. The affair was in the nature of a reunion of the ladies who had been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Easterday at their camp in Moss Beach last summer. After luncheon cards were enjoyed.

Those who were present were Mrs. J. E. Jacobus, Mrs. William Moore, Mrs. J. B. Barnard, Mrs. A. I. Simpson, Mrs. E. B. Tyson, Mrs. A. B. Hill; Mrs. T. B. Rose, Mrs. M. Scott and Mrs. J. E. Easterday.

TRINITY GUILD HELD ITS REGULAR MEETING

Mrs. W. H. Tyson Hostess at Last Meeting Before Vacation.

Trinity Guild held its regular meeting at guild hall, Niles on Wednesday afternoon last with Mrs. W. H. Tyson as hostess. The last meeting before the summer vacation falls on Wednesday, June 16. The members have decided to make it a social meeting with their friends and extend a general invitation for all to attend. Refreshments will be served to all. A table of fancy articles, aprons, etc., made by the guild members will be placed on sale.

IRVINGTON SOCIAL CLUB TO HOLD GRAND BALL

Encouraged by the success of their last dance, the members of the Irvington Social club have decided to hold another dance on the evening of June 26 at Maple Hall, Irvington. Syke's orchestra will furnish the music; and this in itself will be a guarantee of a good time.

MOONLIGHT PICNIC AND DANCE ON JUNE 26TH

Fernbrook Park to be Scene of Innovation in Line of Dances.

The Indoor Aviators have announced a Moonlight Dance and Picnic, to be held at Fernbrook Park, Niles Canyon on the night of Saturday, June 26. The members of the committee, Messrs. Al. Mosegaard and Herbert Domenici, are busy with preparations to make the affair one of the most enjoyable events of the season. Music will be furnished by Knudson and Thorndyke.

Auto buses will leave Rose Bros' garage, Niles for the park early in the evening.

FOURTH OF JULY PLANS ARE LAID

Matter of Taking Active Part In Alameda County Day at Fair Is Discussed.

MISSION SAN JOSE TO HAVE UNIQUE FEATURE

Committee Was Appointed to Work With Committee From Alvarado Chamber on Matter of Roads.

The meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce at Niles on Wednesday night of this week was an interesting one. President Henry Lachman occupied the chair, and the new secretary, Thomas Tierney, was on hand.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Logan, Overacker and Henry May was appointed to assist a committee from the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce in obtaining certain improvements and roads in the vicinity of that town.

A committee representing the Alameda County Day Commission were present and urged the members to assist in making the day a success by putting a number of floats in the big industrial parade. The committee also asked that steps be taken to have all stores and places of business closed on June 10th.

Several suggestions for floats were made regarding floats. B. J. Wilson of Mission San Jose announced that he would have in the parade the citizens of Alameda county, Tom Millard, a resident of Mission Peak.

Mr. Millard is 96 years old and has resided in the Mission district since 1849. He is well known in the locality and is still hale and hearty. Mr. Wilson proposes to take Mr. Millard to Berkeley a few days before the celebration in order to allow him to rest after his journey.

Carey S. Hill, Commissioner, Special Days of the Panama Pacific International Exposition, explained the concessions that were being made by the fair management for the occasion. He stated that admission books containing 50 tickets would be sold for \$20; and 100 ticket books would cost \$40. These tickets or coupons, he said, were transferable and could be used on any day during the entire exposition. By purchasing tickets at these rates the price of a single admission is reduced to forty cents.

The Southern Pacific Company has announced an expositoin special leaving the Ferry station on Thursday, June 10th at 11 p. m. This train will stop at the following stations:

Oakland Pier, First and Broadway, Oakland, Fruitvale, Elmhurst, San Leandro, Lorenzo, Hayward, Decoto, Niles, Irvington, Centerville, Newark, Alvarado, Mt. Eden and Russell.

Reduced round trip rates will be in effect during the day. Tickets will be good on both regular and special trains.

It is not yet known just what the nature of the floats from various towns in Washington township, will be, or just which towns will enter a float. The main trouble in entertaining floats appears to be a lack of motor trucks to convey them.

CITIZENS' WATER CO. HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

Board of Directors Elected and Other Business Transacted.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens' Water company of Niles was held at the offices of the company in Niles this week. A small attendance of stockholders was present and the following directors were elected for the ensuing year:

F. V. Jones, J. A. Silva, J. E. Jacobus, W. V. Eberley and E. A. Ellsworth.

The report for the past year showed that the company has expended more than \$1000 for new pipe and replacing old pipe. One new hydrant near the school house has also been added.

MORE TRAINS STOP AT OVERACKER STATION

Agent Rutherford Announces New Schedule for Little Station.

In order that the patrons of the company, residing near Overacker station, below Niles, may have better service, the Southern Pacific Company, through the Niles agent, A. J. Rutherford, has announced that the following trains will make regular stops at that place:

To San Jose—Train No. 90, 8:19 a. m.; No. 188, 1:32 p. m.; No. 96, 6:17 p. m.

From San Jose—Train No. 91, 7:43 p. m.; No. 189, 6:03 p. m.

WHERE, OH, WHERE IS DR. THOMAS' BUS LINE?

Hayward Review Gets Inquisitive and Asks Pertinent Questions.

The above inscription is what is puzzling the members of the Chamber of Commerce, who had advertised a sight seeing auto bus line running from Oakland to Mission San Jose and back each day, via Hayward.

It is not the fault of the Chamber of Commerce directors. The local body fulfilled its part of the agreement with Dr. Thomas, who said he represented the Sonoma Transportation company, but the doctor did not make good. Instead he went to East Oakland, so D. H. Chambers of the Haywards Hotel is informed, he secured a call from a small church and has entertained the pulpit.

A letter from Santa Rosa also brings the information that Dr. Thomas long since ceased to be a transportation magnate.

There is nobody hurt by the failure of the doctor to put on the bus. The only thing, he wasted was a lot of unnecessary "hot air." The directors of the Chamber of Commerce were to guarantee him a certain amount of business for the first ten days. The guarantee, however, was only on paper, and can be used to kindle fires.—Hayward Review.

MOTHER OF H. C. SEARLES DIES IN HEALDSBURG

Deceased Was One of Two First Women to Locate in Trinity Co.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Searles of Decoto were called to Healdsburg last week by the death of Mr. Searles' mother, Mrs. Emily Searles, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harvey Dale on Thursday, May 26. Deceased was 81 years of age and was a pioneer resident of Trinity County, being one of the first two women settlers of that county.

Her children, who survive her, are Mrs. Lottie Hess, Mrs. Harvey Dale, Healdsburg, Mrs. B. A. Price, Lakeport, Mrs. J. Armstrong, Eureka; Mrs. Ida Hutchins, Weaverville and Frank Searles, Weaverville and H. C. Searles, Decoto.

OLD MAN ROBBED A BOAT HOUSE THIS WEEK

Thomas Farmer Charged With Having Stolen Goods From House. Thomas Farmer, an aged man, was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Ralph V. Richmond Thursday on a charge of burglary. Farmer is accused by F. A. Lawrence of having broken into a boat house of the Phoenix Club on June 2, and having stolen some articles of clothing, a musical instrument and other articles from the building. The accused man says he was out of funds and desperate when he committed the crime.

BIG CANNERY OPENED IN HAYWARD MONDAY

Sudden Streak of Warm Weather Ripens Cherries and Other Fruits.

The sound of Hunt Bros' cannery whistle last Monday was a joyful sound to the whole population, and especially to the large number of employees. The sudden streak of tropical weather has caused the cherries and all kind of fruit to ripen, and the rush of cherries to the cannery this week shows that there is a great deal more fruit in the valley than first figured on and things are humming at the cannery, and will keep moving until apricots arrive that will not be long the hot spell continues.—Hayward Journal.

CENTRAL BODY MET IN NILES

Money Apportioned to Different Committees With Which to Carry On Work.

PROGRAM FOR THREE DAYS IS ADOPTED

Finance Committee Reports Three Hundred Dollars Have Been Collected Up to Present Time.

At the meeting of the executive committee in charge of the Fourth of July celebration held Tuesday afternoon, plans began to take tangible shape for the big three days' celebration.

The main business transacted was the apportionment of money to various committees.

The discussion of a program was taken up and it was decided to open the celebration at the concessions at noon, Saturday July 3; the formal opening, however to begin with a grand masquerade ball on the night of the 3d.

For Sunday's program it has been arranged to have the band in town at 10 a. m., which is to play until noon. An aeroplane flight is to take place at 10:30 a. m. A ball game and broncho busting exhibition to be held at the ball park at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. A "jitney" dance is to be arranged for to run from 2 to 6 and from 8 to 12 p. m.

On Sunday, June 5, the auto parade will start at 10:30 a. m. The line of the parade will extend from the Essanay studio to the plant of the A. T. Ames Manufacturing company and counter march to point of starting, where it will disband.

At the conclusion of the parade, the literary exercises, in charge of the Niles Woman's club will be held. It is understood that Judge W. H. Donahue of Oakland will be the orator of the day.

After the exercises the band is to play until the ball game at 2 o'clock. Following the ball game another exhibition of broncho busting will be given.

The Horrible parade, under the leadership of Ben Turpin will start at 5 o'clock. At 6 p. m. a greased pig will be turned loose. At 8:30 the fireworks will be held. A nickel dance will run on Monday from 2 to 6 p. m. and from 8 p. m. to midnight.

On Sunday afternoon games for children will be held between the hours of 11 a. m. and 2 p. m.

The bandstand is to be at the ice house near the intersection of Front and I streets.

Prizes for the best float will be offered.

The members of the Niles Woman's club have entered heartily into the arrangements for making the celebration one of the greatest the county has ever had.

WOMEN OF WOODCRAFT VISIT SAN JOSE LODGE

Several Members of Hazel Circle No. 698 Pay Fraternal Visit

Monday night several members of Hazel Circle No. 698, Women of Woodcraft motored to San Jose to pay a fraternal visit to a lodge in the Garden City. Those who composed the party were Fred Rose, Miss Mary Bertolozzi, Miss Pearl Fulton, Ben Stone, Herbert Domenici and Miss Minnie Anderson and Mrs. Geneva Chase.

FERRY'S CASE SET FOR MONDAY AFTERNOON

Justice of the Peace Ralph V. Richmond Arraigns Barber.

Joseph Ferry, charged with manslaughter, growing out of the death of Michael Houlihan a week ago, was formally arraigned by Justice of the Peace Ralph V. Richmond Thursday. The date set for the preliminary examination was Monday, June 7, at 2:30 p. m.

UNITED ARTISANS HOLD BANQUET ON THURSDAY

F. T. Hawes Presented With Fountain Pen by Lodge.

The members of the United Artisans Assembly of Centerville entertained the members Thursday evening. The decorations of the hall were vegetable leaves with small carrots tied with ribbons.

Messrs. Hawes and White represented French chefs, while Messrs. Thompson, Peterson, Mathiesen, Juhl, Bunting and Overacker acted the part of French waiters.

M. A. Overacker, on behalf of the lodge presented F. T. Hawes, with a fountain pen surrounded by a gold band. Mr. Hawes has been treasurer of the organization for 12 years.

JAMES BURKE DISMISSED BY JUSTICE MILLER

Hayward Judge, Sitting For Judge Richmond Holds Insufficient Evidence.

James Burke, charged with manslaughter, growing out of the death of J. D. Lynch of Niles, two weeks ago, was given a preliminary examination in the justice court at Niles last week. Justice of the Peace Frank Mitchell, of Hayward, after hearing the evidence submitted, and upon recommendation of Deputy District Attorney Satterwhite, held that there was not sufficient evidence to hold Burke and ordered the case dismissed.

SECURES NILES FUNNY MAN FOR FORESTERS

Ben Turpin and His Wife to Assist in Pleasanton Entertainment.

Tuesday H. J. Rees, representing a committee of Foresters of Pleasanton was in Niles, and secured the services of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Turpin to assist in an entertainment and dance to be given in Livermore on June 19, under the auspices of the Foresters of America.

Turpin will be a great attraction to the affair. He is considered one of the best comedians in the motion picture world, second to none.

NILES CHAMBER FAILS TO GET QUORUM AGAIN

Question of a Sign Advertising Niles Canyon Talked Over Informally.

Thirteen members and officers of the Niles Chamber of Commerce met at the fire house Tuesday, June 1, but owing to the fact that the by-laws of the organization require five directors to be present to constitute a quorum, and that number not being on hand, no business could be transacted.

Considerable dissatisfaction was expressed regarding the lack of enthusiasm of the members of the organization and their neglect at not attending meetings.

The subject of preparing a sign to be placed at the entrance to Niles Canyon was talked over informally and T. J. Sullivan volunteered to see that a sign advising people of the location of the scenic canyon was provided and put in place.

The secretary reported that he had collected \$14 in dues.

NEW CLOTHING FIRM LOCATES IN NILES

Sommers & Lindbergh Purchase Stock of Mason & Orpin.

The clothing department of Mason & Orpin have been purchased by C. H. Sommers and A. O. Lindbergh, formerly of Salt Lake City, Utah, who will conduct the business in the future.

"It is our intention," said Mr. Lindbergh, to a representative of The Press, "to carry on a strictly cash business. By so doing we will be enabled to sell clothing at prices that will compare favorably with those of any of the cities."

As soon as our new stock arrives there will be no occasion for anyone going out of town for wearing apparel. The day of carrying any old thing is past, and people in a town like Niles want the latest and best just the same as do people in large cities, and it is our intention to keep them supplied."

Both gentlemen are experienced in their line, and there is no doubt but that the new firm will make a success of their venture in the town.

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Citizens Should Take More Interest.

THE town of Niles finds itself seriously handicapped in any movement for its betterment owing to the fact that it is permitted to run itself and is without any tangible government. No civic progress can be made under such conditions. The people are not in any sense less enterprising than elsewhere, but they can never get anywhere without a tangible physical head in local affairs. No successful private business would or could be conducted on such a basis.

There are many things to be done in Niles, if the town is to progress in the ratio of the importance which the resources of the surrounding country give it.

There are many people of good judgment in Niles, who do not believe the time is ripe for incorporation, or that the benefits to be derived from home rule would be in proportion to the cost of maintaining a city government. This may or may not be true. If the latter is the case, more's the pity, for until the people are in a position to make and enforce their own ordinances, there can be little hope of permanent improvements, such as are absolutely essential if the town is to progress. What advancement has been made in this community, for these many years, has been made from the natural momentum of its resources and not from organized and intelligent efforts of its residents.

In the absence of local government through incorporation, there is only one other way in which the interests of the town can be safeguarded and its advantages as a place of residence made known, and that is through a Chamber of Commerce made up of live wires. Niles had a good Chamber of Commerce once that was capable of accomplishing things, but of late interest in the meetings has slackened to such an extent that for the past three months no quorum has been present to transact business.

The tide of eastern travel has already set toward California, with the Panama-Pacific Exposition as a magnet. Thousands of these visitors, after seeing the Exposition will travel over the state, many of them looking for permanent homes. It therefore behooves Niles to get busy and bring some of these tourists here.

Get busy. Attend the meetings of the Chamber of Commerce. Take up the affair of the town. Advertise its possibilities and its attractions, and DO IT NOW.

Mysterious People.

HAVE you ever met one of those mysterious people—one of a large class who seek to throw a veil of mystery about everything which anyone else does? There are many of them.

They think it "mysterious" that a fellow should cross the street at a certain point. If they see two men conversing, they are sure some deep-laid scheme is being hatched. That which they do not understand must be dark in its inception and fraught with menace to somebody. They talk in low tones, wonder what certain persons can now be "up to," and endeavor to make everybody with whom they come in contact believe that they know something terrible pertaining to every person whose name is mentioned in their presence.

The "mysterious" people read between the lines of every newspaper article. They attribute ulterior motives to the most insignificant action or part of speech. They refuse to believe anyone tells all the truth about anything. They declare that the editorial in the newspaper is a blind to screen some diabolical thought of the editor. To them news is "colored" for a purpose; words are to conceal meaning; actions are delusions—no man is sincere.

Just what the mysterious person gets out of life we do not know.

Are Chinese Justified?

THE whirligig of time has finally justified the ancient Chinese in another respect. Once we smiled good-humoredly at stinkpots as a weapon of warfare. Now the Germans are using stinkpot on an enormous scale, as a means of putting French and British hors de combat. The Allies are threatening to follow suit. Possibly the Chinese had the best of it. Their pots were doubtless effective, and they were of a kind that their enemies could not imitate.

The statement is made that the use of suffocating gases on a large scale was proposed by certain British officers in the Crimean war, sixty years ago, but was not adopted on the ground that the suggestion was too inhumane, even for warfare. Perhaps we are getting over these little niceties regarding the method of murder. Surely shooting men by the thousand is no more humane than suffocating them wholesale. And suffocation does not leave them, if they do survive, minus limbs or eyes.

Says the San Leandro Standard: "They are fighting over the water question up in Niles. And only three years ago they were scrapping over the booze question." Some people are never satisfied it appears."

Mistaken, for once, Brother Rood. The citizens of Niles are satisfied to get together and have one of the biggest and best Fourth of July celebrations every held in this county, and we extend an invitation to you and the citizens of San Leandro to come to Niles July 3, 4 and 5 of this year and have a good time with us.

A MEMPHIS, Tenn., girl married a Mississippian while he was incarcerated in a county jail, it being necessary for him to extend his hand between the bars for the ceremony. When a woman is determined, even jail offers no refuge for her quarry.

WATER DISTRICT FIGHT NOW READY TO BE TRIED ON MERITS

Copy of Complaint Filed Against the Spring Valley Water Company
By the Directors of the Alameda County Water District
to Save District From Utter Ruin

CORPORATION EXPECTED TO FILE ITS ANSWER NEXT WEEK:
DOCUMENTS ARE OF HISTORICAL INTEREST TO ALL

Years of Preparatory Work Soon to Be Used to Force Predatory Corporation
to Cease Attacks on the Very Life Blood of Southern Alameda
County. Water District Has More Complete Data on Subject
Than Any Other Person or Corporation.

By CHRIS RUNCKEL.

THE following is a copy of the suit filed by the Alameda County Water District against the Spring Valley Water Company on April 17. The answer to this complaint is due from the water company next week when the attitude of the company will be made known. It is hoped that all who are interested in the big fight will read it. I commend it to the Register editor's careful study. It is the formal declaration of war of the people of this section against the Spring Valley Water Company.

In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Alameda.

Alameda County Water District (a public corporation), plaintiff, vs. Spring Valley Water Company, a corporation John Doe and Richard Roe, defendants.

COMPLAINT.

The plaintiff above named complains of the defendants above named, and for cause of action alleges:

I. That the plaintiff is a public corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the constitution and laws of the State of California.

II. That the defendant Spring Valley Water Company is a corporation incorporated and doing business under the laws of said state and having its principal place of business in the City and County of San Francisco; that the defendants John Doe and Richard Roe are sued by fictitious names, their true names not being known to plaintiff, but plaintiff prays that as soon as their true names are discovered they be inserted by way of amendment therein.

III.

That the plaintiff district comprises about forty-four thousand acres of land, the greater part of which is

for homesites, orchards and farms, and that within the boundaries of said district are located several towns and villages which are dependant for their supply of water, for domestic and municipal purposes, on the waters hereinafter mentioned. That the individual owners of such homesites, orchards and farms included in said district, and all of said towns and villages, and the inhabitants of said district are interested in this action and would be benefited by the issuance of an injunction restraining the injuries and threatened injuries hereinafter described. That this action is brought for and on behalf of the inhabitants and property owners of said district. That said district is situated in a part of Alameda County surrounding and westerly and southerly of the town of Niles and comprises the territory commonly known and designated as the "Niles Cone."

IV.

That the owners of the properties situated in said district, with their predecessors in interest, have annually for many years past irrigated said homesites, orchards and farms and by reason of such annual irrigation such properties have become of great value; and without such irrigation such properties would be of little or no value. That the older such properties become the more necessary it is that they may continue to be of value and profitable. That if such irrigation is not continued said orchards and farms will, by reason thereof, be irreparably damaged and will soon become of little or no value. That said land is more than twice as valuable because it is capable of irrigation, and supplied with water under its surface readily obtainable for irrigation, than it would be if it was not capable of irrigation and had not water in it under its surface readily obtainable for such irrigation.

V.

That underneath the surface of the lands comprising said district there are strata of gravel which carry a large amount of water, which water is supplied to said strata of gravel from the sinking into and sub-surface flow of the waters of the Alameda Creek, as hereinafter alleged. Said strata of gravel extend from a little east of the said town of Niles where they are a part of, and connect with, the gravel bed of said Alameda Creek, in a westerly and southerly direction under the surface of the lands comprising said water district. That a great part of the waters of said Alameda Creek sink annually into said gravel strata from the bed of said creek at and near the said town of Niles and gradually throughout the greater portion of the course of the creek westerly therefrom, and, in seasons of drought, practically all of said waters, other than those diverted by defendants above in the Sunol Dam, hereinafter described, sink into said strata in the same place.

VI.

That the owners of said homesites, orchards and farms, and their predecessors in interest, have and own the riparian rights to said waters and have for many years last past and do now keep and maintain upon their several lands wells which extend down

into said strata of gravel and by means of which water is pumped out of said strata of gravel to the surface of said lands and used for irrigating said lands, for the domestic purposes of the inhabitants thereof and for watering stock. That said towns and villages do now and for many years last past have secured water for municipal and domestic uses in the same manner. That it is necessary that such waters continue to be pumped for the purposes aforesaid and that if the owners and occupants of said lands be deprived of said waters they will be irreparably damaged and injured and that if the waters of said gravel are taken away or diminished the plaintiff water district, and the inhabitants thereof, and the owners and occupants of the lands therein will be irreparably damaged and injured.

VII.

That the said Alameda Creek has a water shed of over six hundred square miles lying above the said Sunol Dam and supplies practically all of the underground waters of all of that portion of Alameda County situated within the boundaries of the Alameda County Water District. That said Sunol Dam is owned and operated by the Spring Valley Water Company and is situated on the Alameda Creek, about four and one-half miles easterly of a straight line from said town of Niles to the base of Point of View on said Creek, of the waters thereof, by said defendants. That a large part of the waters of said creek are gathered from the watershed of the Calaveras Valley situated in the counties of Alameda and Santa Clara. That during and immediately following days of heavy rain on said last mentioned watershed said waters flow down said creek towards the Bay of San Francisco, and that a large portion of said waters sink into said gravel strata at or near the said town of Niles.

VIII.

That immediately east of and above said town of Niles, and as far east thereof as the said Sunol Dam, the valley is very narrow, being not more than one hundred yards wide, and consists almost entirely of the stream bed of said Alameda Creek; that the said stream passes through a gorge between high hills, either on the surface of said creek bed or underneath through the gravel bed thereof.

IX.

That such of the flood waters of Alameda Creek as do not percolate into said gravel strata annual deposit upon the low lands situated within said district large quantities of silt, which renders said low land capable of cultivation and useful for agricultural purposes, and said flood waters are of great assistance to the owners of said lands, in the reclamation thereof, and that if said flood waters were restrained and diverted the owners of said low lands will be irreparably damaged thereby.

X.

That the defendants are engaged in the construction of a large dam on a tributary of said Alameda Creek, in the said Calaveras Valley, for the purpose of restraining, withholding and diverting the waters of said Calaveras Valley watershed and other waters tributary to and flowing into said Alameda Creek, from the natural creek bed and of carrying said waters to non-riparian lands outside of and beyond the watershed from which such waters are gathered. That, unless restrained by this court, the defendants will continue to the completion of the construction of said dam and threaten to and will, unless restrained by this court, restrain, withhold and divert the waters of said creek away from the lands of said Water District and to non-riparian lands and for the sale thereof for commercial purposes to consumers beyond said watershed.

XI.

That the said defendants threaten to and will, unless restrained by this court, arrest and divert, practically all of the waters of said Alameda Creek from points above said Sunol Dam and will carry said waters outside of said watershed and sell the same as an article of merchandise and prevent the same, and every part thereof, from ever returning to said stream or gravel beds and prevent the same from supplying water to said gravel strata to the great and irreparable injury of the plaintiff herein, to the lands of said district, and to the inhabitants thereof.

XII.

That said waters, unless so arrested and diverted would flow into said stream and supply with water the said gravel strata without said water being arrested

and diverted the said gravel strata would be without sufficient water to enable the owners and occupants of said lands to irrigate their said lands or to furnish the inhabitants of said district with water for domestic, municipal and farming uses.

That the plaintiff has no other plain, speedy or adequate remedy in the ordinary course of the law.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays judgment that a writ of injunction issue from this court that defendants, and each of them, their agents, servants and employees, be perpetually enjoined and restrained from constructing, extracting, arresting or diverting any of the waters of the said Alameda Creek which flow on the surface of the bed of such creek, or which flow or percolate underneath such surface, or diminishing any of said waters to any extent, and from constructing, repairing or completing the said dam in the said Calaveras Valley, and for all costs, fees and expenses of this action, and for such further relief

as may be proper.

(Signed) JOHN T. NOURSE.

Attorney for Plaintiff.

State of California ss.

County of Alameda

J. C. Shinn, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is now and for many months last past has been, the duly elected, qualified and acting President of the Board of Directors of the Alameda County Water District, plaintiff in the foregoing action; that he has read the foregoing complaint and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true to his own knowledge except as to those matters which are herein stated on information and belief and as to those matters he believes it to be true.

(Signed) J. C. SHINN.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of April, 1915.

(Signed) M. B. SNEDEN,
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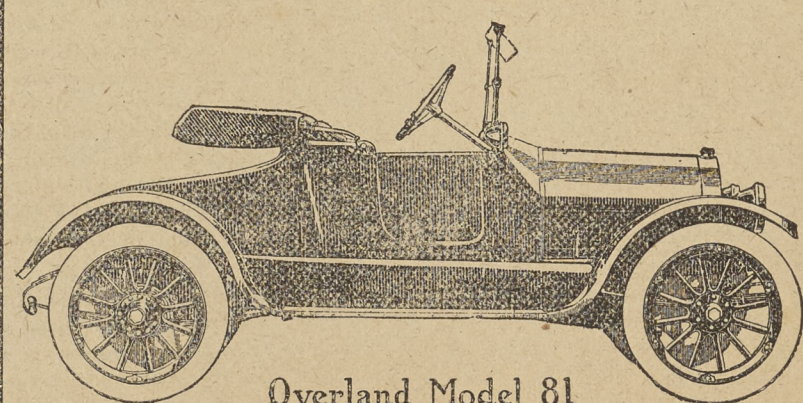
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BASEBALL

Essanay Indians Vs. Idlewilds Sunday.

By EDDIE FRIES.

Jim Wiggs and his band of Idlewilds of Newark will come to Niles next Sunday and endeavor to repeat their performance of two weeks ago at Newark when they defeated the Essanay Indians by the score of 8 to 6. The Niles club was in a somewhat crippled condition, as they had three of their regulars on the sick list, but next Sunday will present her strongest line-up in an effort to even up the series. With the addition to Wittenmeyer, Perry and Sund the Niles aggregation looks a great deal stronger than two weeks ago and with Fodder Dolan on the firing line and no doubt he will have them guessing.



Dolan Is Expected to Keep Them Guessing.

The Idlewilds will also have a strong line-up and with Garrett Norris to handle the indicator a great crowd is looked for. The Niles-Essanay Indians will probably line up as follows:

Sund or Burroughs, catcher; Dolan, pitcher; Robinson, first base; Perry, second base; Burroughs or Allen,

third base; Esola, short stop; Wittenmeyer, left field; Fries, center field; Sheehan, right field.

Garrett Norris, the popular umpire, will handle the game in Niles Sunday. Norris is considered the best umpire to be found in "this neck of the woods" and those who desire to see a clean, fast game will not make a mistake in going to Sullivan Park Sunday. Play will be called promptly at 3 p. m.

HENEY URGES FEDERAL ACTION IN ALAMEDA CO

Fighting Prosecutor Recommends that Uncle Sam Take a Hand in Election Frauds.

"The evidence of political corruption in Alameda county is such as to warrant action by the Federal authorities," declared Francis J. Heney last week. Heney had just arrived in San Francisco from Los Angeles with Mrs. Heney after motoring up from the southern city by the coast route.

Referring to the precedence set by the Terre Haute election fraud cases, where the prosecutions were conducted by the Federal authorities, Heney said emphatically that similar conditions existed in Oakland and that action by the United States Attorney was warranted.

"There is every evidence of graft and corruption," continued Heney. "I do not know what has been done during the last few weeks, but I do know that when John L. Davis goes in as Mayor of Oakland he will make every effort to stamp out this corruption and punish those guilty of it."

Heney said he had reason to believe action by the Federal authorities could be expected within a few days. He had investigated the legal aspects of the case, he said, and had satisfied himself there was justification for United States Attorney Preston proceeding with an investigation.

Mr. and Mrs. Heney are on their vacation trip. They plan to motor from San Francisco to Yosemite Valley, and after a sojourn there, continue on to their Los Angeles home.

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Mrs. Jackson—Heh! Dat would be just adding a couple of hours to your regular occupation."

EDDIE FRIES FOUND IN A REMINISCENT MOOD

Tells of Amazing Happening in Which Baseball Player Features.

"It was back in 1911," said Eddie Fries, when asked for a baseball story, "and we were enjoying an off day in the hotel lobby in Salt Lake City, when along came Brick Devereaux, comically known as 'Red Dog.' The subject of funny happenings in baseball arose and while each one of the gang told his little experience the one that struck me as one of the funniest I had ever heard was told by 'Red Dog,' and the earnestness with which he 'put it over' caused many of the boys to really believe him, and to tell you the truth he had me guessing for a long time.

"Says Brick: 'I was playing third base on Reach's All-American Ball Club that took the first trip abroad some few years ago, and we finally came to Japan for a series of games with the native teams there, and to my surprise found the Japanese boys a whole lot better at our national game than I had ever dreamed of. Why they were trying to pull all sorts of stuff on us, but they had failed to learn anything about the squeeze play. In the first two games we had found out that they were wide awake to the game and if our gang would attempt anything they would come right back the next day and try to pull the same thing on us, so after he had gotten away with the squeeze the following day came their opportunity to pull it on us. They had the bases full and none down when the batter gave the signal for the squeeze and when the pitcher wound up the deliver the whole three men on bases started unning. Unluckily for the Japs the batter missed the ball and I suppose they hadn't thought of that, for all three runners kept digging around the bases until they reached home where the catcher held the ball, putting all three out at the home plate.'

"Needless to say," continued Eddie, "Brick broke up the gathering."

NILES-ESSANAY INDIANS PLAN MANY TRIPS

The Niles-Essanay Indians are endeavoring to secure games that will take them for an occasional trip during the present baseball season. The management has lines out with Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Sebastopol, Martinez, Antioch, Concord, Healdsburg and other towns and the chances are the Indians will be away from Sullivan's Park at least once in every three Sundays.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Alameda.

No. 19975.

In the matter of the estate of Maria Fernandes, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of the estate of the above named deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, and claims for funeral expenses and expenses of last sickness, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four (4) months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator, at the law office of Jno. G. Mattos Jr., at Centerville, Alameda County, California, which said office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matter connected with said estate of Maria Fernandes, deceased.

MANUEL PIMENTEL, Administrator of the estate of Maria Fernandes, deceased. Dated, May 5, 1915. JNO. G. MATTOS JR., Centerville, Cal., Attorney for administrator.

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CHAIRMAN URGES BIG ATTENDANCE AT FAIR

Alameda County Asked to Make a Day at Exposition Great Occasion.

The following proclamation has been issued by Supervisor D. J. Murphy, chairman of the Alameda County Day Committee, to the citizens of Alameda county, asking their participation in the county's celebration at the exposition:

"The officials of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, in conjunction with the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County and the Alameda County Exposition Commission, have set aside and declared Thursday, June 10th as Alameda County day at the exposition. It is necessary to show by a great outpouring of the people of Alameda county on that day, that her citizens are proud of this opportunity to publicly demonstrate their loyalty to the interests of the entire bay section.

Let everybody join in celebrating this day at the exposition, and making it not only worth while, but the grandest and most largely attended of the year.

"Through this proclamation I desire to call upon our people, actively and unanimously, to join in the observance of the day and to that end urge all employers in so far as possible to declare June 10th a holiday, not only as an evidence of our friendship, but also as a manifestation of our great appreciation of that which has been accomplished by the Panama-Pacific International Exposition."

MY AUTO, 'TIS OF THEE

Some fellow poetically inclined has taken to print with the following effusion:

My auto, 'tis of thee, short cut to poverty—of thee I chant. I blew a pile of dough on you two years ago, and now you refuse to go, won't or can't. Through town and country side, you were my joy and pride; a happy day I loved thy gaudy hue, thy nice white fire so new, but now you're down and through in every way. To thee, old rattle box, came many bumps and knocks; for thee I grieve. Badly thy top is torn, frayed are thy seats and worn; a whooping cough affects thy horn, I do believe. Thy perfume swells the breeze while good folks choke and wheeze, as we pass by, I paid for thee a price, 'twould buy a mansion twice, now all are peddling "ice"—I wonder

why? Thy motor has the grip, thy spark plug has the pip and woe is thine. I too have suffered chills, ague and kindred ills, endeavoring to pay my bills since thou were mine. Gone is my bank roll now. No more 'twould choke a cow, as once before. Yet if I had the mon, so help me John—amen, I'd buy a car again, and speed some more.—Pumps and Supplies.

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OAKLAND SCHOOLS WANT EFFICIENCY

City Secures Services to Expert to Investigate Methods Now in Vogue.

Dr. E. F. Cubberley, a high authority of educational administration, has been secured by the Oakland board

of education to make a survey of the Oakland school department, with the view of determining ways in which even greater efficiency may be attained.

Cubberley, who is a graduate of Stanford, is well known in California. He has recently been in Los Angeles, where he spent some weeks making changes in the school system, and has been employed by the cities of Baltimore, Portland, Me., Butte and Salt Lake City toward school efficiency. In Oakland he will pay special attention to determining the number of employees necessary, their salaries and duties, with the idea of eliminating any unnecessary expenditures, and still increasing the efficiency of the department.

STRANGE FOWL HAS BEEN FOUND AT HAYWARD

State Game Farm Experiments With More Than 200 Eggs.

The State Game Farm at Hayward has evolved a strange hybrid fowl as the result of a long-trying experiment. The hybrid is a cross between a ring-necked pheasant and a white bantam Cocker hen. Out of 229 eggs used in the experiment only 14 were successfully hatched.

The hybrids show largely the characteristics of the pheasant although they have the coloring of the Cocker bantams in their neck feathers.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION TO HAVE BIG MEETING

Already more than 100 car parties of teachers and their friends have notified the headquarters of the National Education Association that they will attend the big convention to be held in Oakland August 16 to 28, and from present indications the meeting will be the biggest ever held. More than 60,000 are expected to be here, and the number may run even higher.

The convention will be held in Oakland's new million-dollar auditorium which is said to be the finest building of its kind west of Chicago. Its arena has a seating capacity of more than 10,000 people and its theater 2500, while there are many smaller rooms which hold from 1000 down, in which committee and other meetings can be held.

With the Panama-Pacific Exposition as an added attraction being but 30 minutes from Oakland by a direct ferry line to the center of the grounds, thousands of teachers from all over the country are planning to visit the big fair and the National Education Association convention at the same time. One day's session of the convention will be held on the fair

grounds, and one in the Greek theater at the University of California, in Berkeley, all the others being held in the Oakland Auditorium.

With the National Education Association will meet the World's Congress of Education, which will attract men from all over the world.

PROFESSIONAL BUNCO MEN ARE NOW BUSY

Commission of Immigration and Housing of California Warns People.

Professional bunco men are very much in evidence in California, particularly in San Francisco and the bay counties, since the opening of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, judging from the numerous complaints received at headquarters of the Commission of Immigration and Housing of California from unsophisticated foreigners who have been fleeced out of their savings by the bunco artist.

Because of their ignorance of the language and the laws and customs of the country, the poor immigrants are the especial prey of the bunco men who have recently arrived in California. In Sacramento county alone Italian immigrants have been defrauded out of approximately \$8000 by bunco men within the past year, according to reports made to the Commission of Immigration and Housing by the police authorities. Scarcely a day passes that does not bring complaints of similar outrages in San Francisco and bay cities.

All sorts of clever schemes are used by the bunco men to separate the immigrant from his money. Among the most common "games" worked by the bunco artist are what is known as the "exchange of currency," and the "placing your money in a box with mine." The crooks who practice these "skin games" are usually of the same nationality as the intended victim or at least speak their language. The unsophisticated foreigner believes that he can trust one of his own country men and with little persuasion is induced to trust his money with these smooth talking crooks, only to find out later that he has been swindled out of the earnings of a life time.

Because of the increasing number of bunco men plying their craft in California, the Commission of Immigration and Housing warns all foreigners to beware of the stranger, who in the guise of a friend, seeks to interest them in any scheme whereby they will have to part with their money. Immigrants are warned not to so part with their money without first consulting with some reputable citizen of their own nationality, reporting the matter to the police department, conferring with the consul general of their native country, or the Commission of Immigration and Housing of California, room 215, second floor, Underwood Building, 525 Market street, San Francisco.

Don't forget that the Chamber of Commerce needs members who will attend meetings. Stay-at-homes don't help very much.

TOWNSHIP HAPPENINGS

NILES BREVITIES.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Cook and son of San Francisco spent Memorial Day with Mrs. William Orpin.

Mr. and Mrs. Orpin have three nephews in the European war with the armies of the Allies. They write of being in the trenches for two days and nights at a time without relief, yet the tone of their letters is cheerful.

Robert W. Tyson found good roads and plenty of trout on his trip to Cloverdale. He went by automobile and had a most enjoyable outing.

Mrs. E. B. Tyson returned last week from a visit of a week with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Southwick, formerly of Niles, but whose home is now in the San Joaquin Valley.

Judge Frank Ogden with his two daughters, the Misses Marguerite and Rosalie, came by automobile to Niles one evening last week and paid a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tyson.

Russel Cooley of Berkeley was a week-end visitor at the home of his friends, the W. H. Tyson family.

Miss Betty Miller of Broadmoor was in town for a short visit this week.

The Niles Bridge Club will hold an extra meeting on Friday of this week at the home of Mrs. E. B. Tyson, and will entertain a number of their gentlemen friends.

Miss F. Belleck, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sawyer of New York are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. White. This week Mrs. White has the visitors in San Francisco where all are attending the exposition.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tyson and children are in Niles for the summer, having rented their Alameda home. Mr. Tyson is a commuter and is in charge of the San Francisco ferry postoffice.

Mrs. S. Sperry, Mr. and Mrs. Jarred Sperry and Mr. and Mrs. Pitcairn motored from Oakland and spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Horace J. Craft of Niles.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Pettis motored from San Francisco and visited Mr. and Mrs. Horace J. Craft this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley and Mrs. Davidson of San Francisco were visitors at the Simpson home on Friday.

Mrs. Hanley returned to San Francisco Tuesday after a several days' outing with her daughter, Mrs. A. I. Simpson.

ROLAND AGAIN SECURES FAVORABLE MENTION

Niles Railroad Man Receives Notice Twice in One Month.

Says The Bulletin, published by the Southern Pacific Bureau of News, in its issue of May 15:

"O. S. Roland of Niles, Cal., is another company employee who is out for action in the personal solicitation business campaign. Recently Mr. Roland succeeded in getting a party of three Eastern visitors to the Exposition to travel via the Southern Pacific. The three enjoyed Southern Pacific service so well that they are now lauding it to their Eastern friends and undoubtedly doing a lot of good. The best advertising is that which goes by word of mouth from a man who knows the quality of one thing to a man who wants to buy that thing."

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC AT ALUM ROCK PARK

San Jose Pleasure Resort Scene of Delightful Gathering.

The pupils of the Niles Congregational church Sunday school, with their parents and friends enjoyed a picnic at Alum Rock Park last Wednesday.

The balmy June weather fitted the occasion and the children were happy in the enjoyment of the swimming pool and other amusements provided at that popular resort and in partaking of the bountiful out-door luncheon.

Nearly 75 persons went down in a large motor truck, accompanied by several private automobiles.

The picnic was the last meeting of the Sunday school before their summer vacation. Mr. J. C. Shinn had charge of the arrangements.

TWO NEGROES BEAT UP AN INOFFENSIVE GREEK

Rob Man and Then Make Their Get-away Before Crime is Discovered.

Wednesday night two negroes beat and robbed a Greek workman who was passing through the ground of the California Nursery Company near Niles. After leaving their victim unconscious the assailants escaped, despite the efforts of the peace officers to locate them.

The injured man was badly cut with a stone.

DECOTO NOTES

School closed this week for the summer vacation. During the coming summer some needed changes in the sanitary arrangement of the school premises will be made, the money for the purpose having been raised by a special tax last year. Next year the corps of teachers will be reduced to four instead of five as at present. Since the removal of the children from the Masonic Home to Los Angeles several years ago, the same corps of teachers has been maintained, owing to a large balance in the teachers' fund which had previously accumulated. It was hoped that the population of the town would grow sufficiently in the past five years to hold up the attendance, but the loss of a part of the district to Niles last year has cut it down somewhat more. So until the attendance warrants it, only four teachers will be employed.

The teachers of the Decoto school were the guests at a very enjoyable luncheon tendered by Mrs. J. L. Olsen last Tuesday.

Miss Elma Ingalls, Miss Mary Jackson and the Misses Izobel and Dorris Whipple were the guests of Mrs. Ezra Decoto at a dinner in their honor last Tuesday.

Miss Izobel Whipple and Miss Doris Whipple were placed on the preferred list of teachers in the Oakland school department last week. Both of the young ladies are very popular in the township and their many friends are congratulating them on their success.

Mrs. Leon Simmons returned Tuesday from Tuolumne, after spending two weeks with her brother, Sidney J. Whitehead, who is the editor of the Tuolumne New Era.

Last Monday evening Mrs. Leon Simmons, assisted by Mrs. Edith Simmons, entertained in honor of her husband's birthday anniversary. After partaking of a fine dinner the guests played games, honors of which went to Master Alwin Searles and Miss Kate Grasslin.

Louis Rose from Perla, N. M., arrived in Decoto Monday morning on account of being summoned to attend

the funeral of his father. He was on the road two days and night. He expects to visit relatives for a week or so before returning to his duties as agent of the A. T. & S. F. at that point. His many friends were glad to see him, but were sorry that he had to come on such a sad errand.

Dr. J. C. Hanley and family have been attending his father, Captain Hanley, who has undergone a serious operation at the Merritt Hospital, Oakland this week. Captain Hanley is rapidly recovering and all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance extend their congratulations.

Mrs. Hanley, while on the way to Merritt Hospital, Oakland, Monday had a very narrow escape when the automobile in which she was riding was wrecked by running into another car driven by some unknown person.

MRS. M. B. SNEDEN'S SISTER VISITS PACIFIC COAST

Mrs. Charles T. Brown Will Entertain Many Friends.

The Sunday edition of the San Francisco Examiner, in an article concerning Mrs. C. T. Brown, sister of Mrs. M. B. Sneden of Niles, says:

"Mrs. Charles T. Brown is here from New York, visiting various of her relatives, being most of the times with her mother, Mrs. Mary Cheadman, whose home is at Healdsburg. Mrs. Brown is the grand niece of Mrs. Eleonora Kennedy of Healdsburg, California's grand old woman, who recently celebrated her hundred and fifth birthday by responding to the greetings of her many friends. Mrs. Kennedy has the full use of all her faculties and enjoys life more than many women half her age."

POPULAR NILES COUPLE MARRIED SATURDAY

Miss Florence Abbott and John Hornberger Wedded in Oakland.

Saturday of last week, Miss Florence Ethelwyn Abbott was married to John Hornberger at Oakland. The wedding ceremony was a private one, only the immediate relatives of the young couple being present. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Hornberger left for a wedding trip to Lake Tahoe. They will reside in Niles upon their return.

Mrs. Hornberger is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Abbott of Niles, where she has resided for many years. Mr. Hornberger is in the employ of the Southern Pacific Railroad company at Niles.

IRVINGTON ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Riggles of Cameron, Ill., Mrs. Annie W. Smith of Saratoga, Mrs. Elda Cutler and Miss Georgia Cutler of San Francisco were week-end visitors and guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Durham.

Rev. W. W. Anderson was a San Francisco visitor last week. Raymond Ingram and Harry Gabbert, a college friend at the University of California, have leased a 900-acre ranch near Gairola, Southern California, a large portion of which they have planted in beans.

B. F. Chadbourne has leased a portion of the Hearst ranch near Pleasanton and is raising stock.

Max McColough has accepted a position with the Aetna Accident and Liability company in San Francisco.

Elmer Becker of Seattle, Washington, is visiting his school mate, Miss Arilla Brackett at the home of Dr. J. H. Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Scheitlin of Seattle and Miss Aileen Scheitlin of New York arrived Monday for a visit in Irvington and San Francisco. Miss Aileen is the daughter of Marion Scheitlin, who will be remembered in Irvington and who has been for a number of years city editor of a New York daily newspaper.

The Princess Lazarovich, whose husband's name is frequently mentioned in connection with Serbian politics, was as Miss Eleanor Calhoun, a frequent visitor in Irvington in the days of old Washington College, where her sister, Miss Jessie Calhoun, was instructor of elocution.

Miss Ana Durham will graduate in June from the Chicago College of Civics and Philanthropy. Miss Durham did field work this winter for the Chicago United Charities.

Doctor Knapp, one of the best known Latin scholars in the United States, has brought out several editions of Latin authors which he has dedicated to his sister, Miss Adeline Knapp, who the first editor of the Washington Press, when it was published in Irvington thirty years ago. Miss Knapp became well known as an author and mountain climber.

Mrs. Will Edwards, who moved from Irvington last summer, has been appointed postmistress at Ravensdale, Lassen county.

Rev. Frank Boren, who has been pastor of the Irvington Christian church for two years, has resigned to accept a call to a union church in Hyderville, Humboldt county.

CENTERVILLE NOTES.

Mrs. Grace P. Jarvis and son Joseph, have returned to Berkeley after a visit with her mother, Mrs. Peterson, coming down for the graduation at the high school of Miss Jeanette Peterson. Leonard Jarvis left Friday for a summer trip to Alaska.

Dr. Daniel Crosby has bought for a summer home an old adobe Spanish house in Monterey to which will be added porches and improvements making it one of the most attractive places at the seaside.

PUPILS ENTERTAIN THEIR PRINCIPAL

The graduating class of the Niles Grammar school, numbering sixteen pupils, assembled at the home of their principal, Mr. Voorheis, on Tuesday evening to give him a farewell surprise party.

In addition to the members of the class Miss May Borges, one of the teachers, was a guest. The evening was happily spent with music and games. Later in the evening the members of the class served the refreshments which they had brought with them, to complete their last gathering before vacation.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

BANK OF CENTERVILLE (a corporation) principal place of business, Centerville, Alameda County, California.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Centerville, a corporation of Centerville, California, will be held in the banking room of the banking house of said corporation situated in the Town of Centerville, County of Alameda, State of California, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of Saturday the 10th day of July A. D. 1915, for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing term and for the transaction of any and all business required by the by-laws of said corporation and for such other and further business that may legally and properly come before such meeting in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Proxies to be valid must be filed with the secretary at least five (5) days before the day of meeting. Witness my hand and the seal of said Corporation this 5th day of June A. D. 1915.

F. T. DUSTERBERRY, Secretary. (CORPORATE SEAL)

BERKELEY ORCHESTRA TO BE AT NILES CHURCH

Young People of First Congregational Church of Berkeley to be Here.

Special services will be held at the Niles Congregational church Sunday evening at 7:45 by a delegation of young people from the First Congregational church of Berkeley, Rev. Dr. Brooke, Pastor.

The following will be the order of service:

Doxology
Invocation—Rev. C. L. Hyde.
Hymn
Scripture and Prayer—Rev. C. L. Hyde.

Hymn
Announcements
Offeratory—Orchestra
Address—"Christianity and the Individual," E. O. Essig.

Address, "The Social Message of Christianity"—Fred Morrison.
Address, "Christianity and the Church,"—Chris Runckel, Jr.
Hymn.
Benediction.

The party from Berkeley will bring a five-piece orchestra with them, and all the talks will be brief and interesting. A special invitation is extended to the young men and young women of Niles to attend this unique service by young people.

LADIES AID TO GIVE DINNER AT CENTERVILLE

Wednesday Evening, June 9th Is Date Set For Big Feed.

The Ladies of the Centerville Presbyterian Aid Society will give a dinner in the Country Club house on Wednesday evening, June 7, at 6 o'clock. Later in the evening the pupils of the Misses Semple will give a musical recital.

Mrs. John Antrim Bunting will also give a delightful number on the program. The Ladies' Aid has not given a dinner for several years, but this one promises to be on a par with those that in the past gave them the reputation of being good and generous cooks.

NILES GRAMMAR SCHOOL ROLL OF HONOR

The names of the following pupils have been placed on the Honor Roll of the Niles Grammar School on account of having done excellent work during the school period just completed.

Eighth Grade
Delinda Rebeiro.
Bonita Clarke.
Edmund Scott.
Harry Hunt.

Seventh Grade.
Dewey McCarthy.
Elta McClelland.
Frank Maloney.
Gertrude Keller.

Sixth Grade.
Edna Rose.
Barney Bragg.
Ione Cahill.
Isley Pullen.
Marian Quartaroli.

Fifth Grade.
Margaret Cabral.
Harry Craft.
Clement Donovan.
Mildred Marshall.
Florence Rose.
Mary Sullivan.
Palmeda Rey.
Edna Buckledee.

Fourth Grade.
Mary Bliss.
Georgia Chalmers.
Gertrude Destrella.
Irene McClelland.
Gordon Oakeshott.
Virgie Pullen.
Lorraine Smith.
Carol Trimmingham.

Third Grade.
Olive Muegge.
Helen Bliss.
Johnny Avilla.
Lawrence Keller.
Peter Quarteroli.
Alojine Jolliff.
Paul Oakeshott.

Second Grade.
Emily Bernado.
Arthur Buckledee.
Joaquin Reis.
Myrtle Ferry.

First Grade.
Laura Garcia.
Addison Richmond.
Willie Bliss.
Edward Secada.
Mamie Costa.
Viola Petersen.
Ruth Laws.
Clarice Champion.
Madelyn Moore.

Country Club Met Last Tuesday.

Many Niles ladies attended the meeting of the Country Club of Washington for June at the club grounds in Centerville, Tuesday. The attendance was more than forty.

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